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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: U.S.-U.S.S.R. Exchange in Surveying, Mapping and Photogrammetry

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Messrs. Bester and Dix called to discuss the interest of Soviet specialists in attending the Annual Meeting of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping which will be held in Washington, D.C., March 21-25, 1960, in conjunction with the American Society of Photogrammetry.

Mr. Bester recently spent a week in Moscow. Arrangements for his visit were expedited because of a request the ACSM received from the Soviet Union for an exchange of magazines. The head of the Department for Book Exchanges of the Lenin Library, Kanevsky, put Mr. Bester in touch with Prof. Dr. P. S. Zakatoff, Director of the Institute of Geodetic Engineering, Photogrammetry and Cartography and Prof. Dr. A. E. Stravontoff, Corresponding Member, Soviet Academy of City Building.

The two gentlemen expressed extreme interest in attending meetings in the U.S. of Mr. Bester's organization as well as of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Urban Land Institute. They suggested that exchanges of visits and of students in their field would be profitable.

Messrs. Bester and Dix stated they were amenable to an exchange and suggested, as part of the possible program for the visiting Soviet group, visits to the Coast & Geodetic Survey (Admiral Carroll), the Geological Survey, the Aero Service Corporation (Aerial Surveying) in Philadelphia and the W. & L. E. Garley Company (Mr. Higbee) in Troy, New York.

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It was suggested that when Mr. Bostor is ready to write his Soviet contacts (after consideration by and advice from the Department's specialized officers) he should take up only the exchange involving his organization and the American Society of Photogrammetry, advising his Soviet contacts to submit their further exchange proposals directly to the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Urban Land Institute.

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